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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMCONSUL LAHORE

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: VISIT OF OPIC PRESIDENT MARSHALL T. MAYS

REF: STATE 680

1. EMBASSY IS DELIGHTED MAYS WILL BE VISITING PAKISTAN. WE STRONGLY URGE HOWEVER THAT HE STRETCH HIS VISIT TO ALLOW A DAY'S VISIT EACH IN ISLAMABAD, LAHORE AND KARACHI. WHILE ISLAMABAD IS THE FEDERAL CENTER, LAHORE AND PARTICULARLY KARACHI ARE THE LEADING BUSINESS CENTERS. KARACHI IS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR MOST EXISTING AMERICAN INVESTORS AND FOR MANY PAKISTANI FIRMS, AND ALSO HARBORS THE MAIN OFFICES FOR GOP PRIVATE INVESTMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS PICIC, IDBP, AND THE GOP INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND SUPPLIES AGENCY. TO GET THOROUGH FEEL OF THE PAKISTAN SITUATION, WE BELIEVE MAYS SHOULD SCHEDULE VISITS TO ALL THREE CITIES WHERE OUR POSTS STATE THEY CAN PUT TOGETHER USEFUL PROGRAMS FOR HIM.

2. TRAVEL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD ARE POOR. SUGGEST MAYS COME OVERLAND FROM KABUL TO PESHAWAR AND THAN PLAN TO CATCH ONE OF SEVERAL DAILY FLIGHTS FROM THERE TO ISLAMABAD. SINCE FEBRUARY 9 IS SUNDAY, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LAY ON ANY OFFICIAL PROGRAM WITH GOP OFFICIALS THAT DAY, AND IN ANY CASE OVERLAND TRIP PLUS AIR TRAVEL WILL TAKE MOST OF THE DAY.

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EM RE DEPARTURE FROM HERE TO TEHRAN, ONLY AVAILABLE FLIGHT DURING THE WEEK WHICH PERMITS OFFLOADING OF PASSENGERS IS PIA 783 WHICH LEAVES HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT (REALLY THURSDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 13) AT 1:30 A.M.. THERE IS NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING FLIGHT FROM KARACHI TO TEHRAN WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12.

4. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, WE HOPE MAYS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

(A) SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9: ARRIVE PESHAWAR BY CAR, AND THEN FLY TO ISLAMABAD BY LATE AFTERNOON FLIGHT.

(B) MONDAY FEBRUARY 10: CALLS ON GOP OFFICIALS, THEN FLY LAHORE LATE AFTERNOON.

(C) TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11: VISIT TO HERCULES PLANT AND CALLS ON BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OFFICIALS, THEN FLY KARACHI LATE AFTERNOON.

(D) WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12: MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, FLY TO ISLAMABAD EARLY EVENING TO CONNECT WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED PIA FLIGHT TO TEHRAN.

5. AN ALTERNATIVE SHORTER AND LESS STRENUOUS SCHEDULE MIGHT BE TO SKIP LAHORE AND FLY FROM ISLAMABAD TO KARACHI FOR SECOND FULL DAY THERE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11. MAYS COULD THEN FLY DIRECTLY FROM KARACHI TO TEHRAN WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12 VIA A 7:00 A.M. FLIGHT.

6. PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR REACTION TO ABOVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE.
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